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SLAYER OF CRISMAN DESPONDENT IN CELL

Speaker Byrd Retained to Assist in Prosecution
of Miller—Services in Memory of Young
People Recently Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Winchester, Va., October 22.—Richard Evelyn Byrd, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, has been retained by members of the Crisman family, of Kentstown, to assist Commonwealth's Attorney Herbert S. Larrick, of Frederick county, in prosecuting the case of the Commonwealth against Morrison H. Miller, who is now in the Winchester jail, charged with the murder of George O. Crisman, who was shot dead in his tracks by Miller on Friday morning as Crisman was leaving Miller's premises, whether he had gone for some of his chickens, which had wandered away from home. The man was shot with a shotgun, the cartridge containing No. 3 shot. Miller spends most of his time moaning in the jail cell; his appetite has gone from him, and he appears to realize his terrible blunder. He declares he did not intend to kill Crisman, but that he merely wished to scare him away. Crisman was a rural mail carrier, and his funeral will be held to-morrow morning from the Presbyterian Church in Winchester. The people in the section in which the homicide occurred were much wrought up, and it is freely admitted that had not Miller rushed to town and surrendered at the jail he would have been mobbed. Not long ago, when several men went to his house one evening on business, he appeared at the door with a shotgun in his hand, and then ran back and blew out the lights, declaring he was afraid of being "whitecapped."

Charles P. Nelson, of this city, has announced his intention of building a larger and more modern hotel at Capon Springs as soon as possible, to replace the four-story stone and wooden structure which was burned to the ground late Friday night, together with the store of the Misses Hennum and the post-office. The loss amounts to about \$100,000, upon which there is \$35,000 insurance. The main hotel was built about sixty-one years ago, and in its time many eminent statesmen from Washington, such as John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and others, were entertained there. For a long time it had been patronized by members of fashionable society from all sections of the East and South. Mr. Nelson's father-in-law, the late Captain

William H. Sale, conducted the hotel for many years, and during the past few years extensive improvements had been made, chief of which was the erection of a large annex, which was saved mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Nelson, who formed a bucket brigade and kept wet blankets on the walls until the old hotel, a four-story structure, was burned to the ground. The new hotel will be built on a hill and will command a view of the country for miles in all directions.

Edward T. Carper, secretary of the Friendship Fire Company, was taken ill very suddenly on the streets of Winchester on Saturday afternoon, and expired shortly after being removed from a physician's office to his home. He was about thirty years old, and leaves his widow, one daughter, his mother, Mrs. Mary Carper, and two brothers.

The Winchester and Washington City Railway Company, which has a right in its charter to build a railroad from Winchester to Bluemont, Loudoun county, but which has never taken up the project until recently, will probably furnish the electricity from its large water and steam power plant at Millville, on the Shenandoah River, for the extension that is to be built from Bluemont to Winchester by the Davis and McLean interests, which have recently obtained a fifty-year lease on the Southern Railway's Washington and Bluemont branch. The Winchester company has just completed the work of removing 12,000 cubic yards of solid rock at Millville, in order to widen and deepen the tail race of its electrical plant, and it is now capable of furnishing an abundance of horsepower.

Large quantities of dynamite have been used without success by residents of Capon Bridge, W. Va., and vicinity, in the hope of locating the body of young Bonamus Farmer, who was swept to death in a few weeks ago while attempting to ford the Capon River several hundred yards above the dam. Instead of crossing the bridge further down the stream, he was driving a four-mule team, drawing a wagonload of barrels. Three of the animals escaped, and one was drowned. The lat-

ter's body was found several miles below Capon Bridge.

Large numbers of family connections and friends gathered to-day in the Presbyterian Church at Springfield, Hampshire county, W. Va., and attended services held in memory of Rev. Emmet B. Druen and Miss Sallie Shannon, who were drowned just two weeks ago at Thompson's Ford, in the South Branch of the Potomac River, while en route to Three Churches to attend services in the Presbyterian Church, at which the minister was to officiate. At the memorial services held to-day Rev. Frank Brooks, D. D., of Romney, W. Va., made the principal address. The body of Rev. Mr. Druen was found recently floating on the water six miles below the scene of the tragedy, and was shipped to his former home at Richmond for burial, while that of Miss Shannon, who was to have become his bride next month, was found on an island in the river near the same place. The condition of her mother, Mrs. Edith Shannon, which was critical for some time, has improved since the finding of her daughter's body.

After a session lasting several days in St. Martin's Church, near New Market, the Potomac Conference of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia was adjourned. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D.; Rev. C. W. Cassell, secretary, and Rev. W. B. Onley, treasurer. Rev. Peter Miller, of Rio, W. Va., who has been in the Lutheran ministry about sixty-five years, and who is the age of eighty-six is still riding horseback to fill his appointments in the mountains, some of which are forty miles apart, was among those present at the conference. As usual, he made the trip across the mountains on his faithful horse, and was one of the principal speakers.

Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor, wife of Captain William Taylor, who served with distinction in the Confederate Army, died suddenly on Friday at her home at Emoryville, near Keyser, W. Va., at an advanced age. She was a sister of Rev. Luke R. Markwood, pastor of several Southern Methodist churches near Winchester, who attended the funeral at Emoryville to-day.

Arthur Carter, who was offbeating at sawmill near Manassas, owned by A. M. Yates, of Woodstock, stepped too close to the saw several days ago and was literally cut to pieces. He was twenty-nine years old. His body was taken to his home at Joplin for burial.

Rev. John S. Douglas, D. D., has declined to reconsider his resignation as rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, at Martinsburg, W. Va., and will begin his new duties as rector of Trinity Church, at Huntington, that State, early in December. Rev. Mr. Douglas went to Martinsburg from Richmond county about twelve years ago, and was also formerly stationed at Luray.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., October 22.—A marriage took place late Saturday evening at the parsonage of the Memorial Methodist Church, when Miss Kate Reeves Kelly, of Greensboro, N. C., was wedded to James V. Fulton, a business man of that city. Rev. W. A. Cooper was the officiating minister. After a Northern trip, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton will return to Greensboro.

LIBERTY GIVEN THIRTY TALESMEN

Number of Veniremen Called in
McNamara Case Excused
Until To-Day.

NO SESSION ON SATURDAY

Examination of Jury Develops
Along Line Not Entirely
Expected.

Los Angeles, October 22.—Some thirty veniremen rejoiced yesterday at being at liberty out of doors instead of locked up under the care of bailiffs in the McNamara murder case. Agreement of opposing counsel to proceed in examining talesmen without a full jury box enabled Judge Walter Bordwell to excuse veniremen not already in the box until opening of the court Monday morning, and only the six talesmen left at the conclusion of court Friday were under restraint yesterday. There was no session of court yesterday, but it proved a busy day for nearly every one connected with the trial.

Judge Bordwell found time to consider numerous recommendations offered by counsel, particularly in connection with denial of the State's challenge of talesman A. C. Robinson, in which the court announced that should he find his decision incorrect, he would change it.

Robinson's answers to questions asked from time to time over two court days, finally elicited a query from the State as to who could possibly tell what his real state of mind was on the question of a verdict of capital charge, supported by circumstantial evidence alone. Chief Trial Deputy G. Ray Horton, conceding that the court is the judge of the facts as to a juror's state of mind, offered for consideration a number of cases which he held to be along the same line, and Judge Bordwell agreed to consider them.

Visited by Attorneys.
The defendant, James E. McNamara, was visited by his attorneys, who discussed the situation with him. They also saw John J. McNamara, brother of James, and secretary of the International Association of Bridge and

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Structural Iron Workers, who is an attorney. To his brother "Joe" the defendant talks much about the proceedings, and each day a transcript of the preceding day's testimony goes to the jail for the perusal of the older brother.

Examination of the jury, opposing counsel conceded, is developing along the lines not entirely in accord with expectations. Although the defense announced weeks ago its belief that a fair trial could be had, the open state of mind professed by jurors toward the defendant and generally toward the whole situation has been a source of surprise. An exception in this connection was Talesman E. J. Shower, who said he believed officers of labor unions had little respect for the laws; that they, or some of them, were responsible for the explosion and fire in the Los Angeles Times building, and that he believed, as he would believe any piece of general information, Orville McNamara's statement implicating James E. McNamara in this disaster. He was excused. Of the other talesmen thus far examined, however, none of this frame of mind has been discovered.

The question of whether a juror believing the Times was dynamited still is a fair juror, if he has no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, was raised ten days ago, but this week of trial has passed without seeing it forced to an issue. Appearance to-day were that it would have to be decided in the case of George W. McKee, continuation of whose examination is set for the first proceeding of court Monday.

Position of Defense.
Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel for the defense, in questions put to talesmen outlined the position of his side of the case as being that a man believing that the Times building was blown up by gas might yet hold it a felonious act, and if of open mind toward the defendant, might be an acceptable juror.

The State, under District Attorney John D. Fredericks, holds the belief that the gas theory is equivalent to belief in the innocence of that defendant, while belief in the dynamite theory may still leave a juror in an unprejudiced mind.

The work of whipping into shape great masses of evidence under preparation by each side was continued to-day. Assistant District Attorney W. Joseph Ford has been absent from the courtroom for two days, working on the State's evidence. The defense has devoted week-ends to the same task, and much other time outside of court. A problem faced by both sides lies in the summoning of witnesses. While many of these live in California, and are subject to subpoena, probably more live outside the State, and so far as the law concerns itself with them, may come or stay at home, as they please.

REMARKABLE OPERATION PERFORMED AT UNIVERSITY


(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., October 22.—A rather remarkable operation was performed at the University of Virginia Hospital last week. A negro, who had lost an inch off the end of his nose by the bite of a horse, had the member replaced by flesh and skin taken from his arm. A flap of skin, large enough to cover the nose, was cut from the man's arm. It was only cut on three sides and left attached. The piece was then sewed to the nose, and the arm bound across the face. It was left in this position for sixteen days, during which time the flap received its nourishment from the arm until it was grown on to the nose sufficiently to be cut away. Then the arm was cut away, and the piece was trimmed to fit the shape of the nose. The operation was performed without the use of an anesthetic, and was watched by the parts affected to deaden the pain.

EDIFICE DEDICATED.

Interesting Services at First Christian Church, Lynchburg.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., October 22.—The auditorium of the First Christian Church was dedicated this morning. In the presence of an audience which taxed the capacity of the church, the dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. Earle Willey, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, at Washington. The church has been using the Sunday school auditorium for eight years, the two rooms, when thrown together, giving a seating capacity of 700.

The building and lot represent an outlay of considerably more than \$40,000, and the church is generally regarded as one of the prettiest in the city.

Rev. Ritchie Ware, formerly of Beckley, W. Va., a native of Essex county, is the pastor, and Mrs. F. P. Bullard is his assistant.



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MEMORY TOO GOOD TO BE KIMMEL

Detectives Say That Real Man
Could Not Know Men
He Recalls.

Grand Rapids, October 22.—The disclosure by a detective who has been working for several weeks on the mystery of the disappearance of George A. Kimmel, of Niles, Mich., and the claim of "A. J. White," an ex-convict, that he is Kimmel, backed by an insurance company, that a prominent business man of Kansas City is able to identify the claimant positively as another man than Kimmel, has given the affair a new turn. The name of this man is withheld, and testifies.

Most significant among the discoveries of the detective were that the man who claims to be Kimmel, on whose life or death hangs the payment of a \$25,000 insurance policy, and whose chief evidence to support his claim that he is Kimmel consists of his familiarity with names of people and memories of old landmarks of Niles and incidents that took place years ago, remembers more regarding the life and times of certain Western New York cities, and remember it more distinctly than he does the people who died twenty-five or thirty years ago.

"Unless Kimmel was a Western New Yorker, twenty-five or thirty years ago, White cannot be the man. In my talks with him he described men whom he was able to call by name who formerly lived in Western New York, but who died twenty-five or thirty years ago. He also described conditions of the towns in this vicinity as they existed twenty or thirty years ago. In fact, all the men whom he could recall indicated that he was intimately acquainted with men and situations in Western New York at the period I mention."

FAT GIRL'S DILEMMA

Escape From Jail Thwarted by Overabundance of Flesh.

Delton, Ga., October 22.—The two thin girls crawled through the hole in the wall and escaped, but the fat girl got stuck and was caught when Mary McCall, Nettie White and Sarah Crow tried to get away from the county jail here.

The three girls dug the hole in the prison wall. The two slim ones slipped through the aperture all right, and Sarah Crow, too, would have escaped, except that the others laughed so loud at her predicament they woke the guard.

PREDICTS HIS OWN DEATH
Man Is Killed in Less Than Minute After Making Prophecy.
Denver, October 22.—I went through the carnage at Gettysburg and the siege of Vicksburg unscathed, miraculously escaping the bullets, but I feel that the missile of old age, which none of us can dodge, will get me soon, remarked James H. Elliott, seventy years old, of Yuma, Col., a Civil War veteran, as he shook hands with a friend at a street corner Friday night.

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